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## SENATE BILL No. 640

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-9; IC 3-14-1-17.

**Synopsis:** Political contributions of government employees. Provides that a deduction for a political contribution may not be made from the compensation of an employee of a governmental body. Provides that a violation of this prohibition is a Class B misdemeanor. Provides that an employee of a governmental body may not solicit or receive a political contribution while the employee is on duty. Provides that an employee of a governmental body may not be coerced, intimidated, or required to make a political contribution. Provides that a violation of these prohibitions is a Class D felony.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 24, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-9-2-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 13. An individual may not solicit  
3 or receive a contribution in violation of the following statutes:

4 **(1) IC 3-9-8 (employees of governmental bodies).**

5 ~~(1)~~ **(2) IC 4-23-7-3.5 (Indiana Library and Historical Department).**

6 ~~(2)~~ **(3) IC 4-23-7.1-38 (Indiana State Library).**

7 ~~(3)~~ **(4) IC 4-23-7.2-17 (Indiana Historical Bureau).**

8 ~~(4)~~ **(5) IC 8-23-2-3 (Indiana Department of Transportation).**

9 ~~(5)~~ **(6) IC 14-9-7-1 and IC 14-10-3-10 (Department of Natural**  
10 **Resources).**

11 SECTION 2. IC 3-9-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
12 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
13 1, 2005]:

14 **Chapter 8. Political Contributions by Government Employees**

15 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "employee" refers to an**  
16 **employee of a governmental body.**

17 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "governmental body" means an**



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1 agency, a board, a branch, a bureau, a commission, a council, a  
 2 department, an institution, an office, or another establishment of  
 3 any of the following:

- 4 (1) The executive branch.
- 5 (2) The judicial branch.
- 6 (3) The legislative branch.
- 7 (4) A political subdivision.

8 **Sec. 3. A contribution may not be deducted from an employee's**  
 9 **compensation.**

10 **Sec. 4. An employee may not be coerced, intimidated, or**  
 11 **required to make a contribution.**

12 **Sec. 5. An employee may not solicit or receive a contribution**  
 13 **while the employee is on duty or acting in an official capacity.**

14 SECTION 3. IC 3-14-1-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 16 1, 2005]: **Sec. 17. (a) A person who violates IC 3-9-8-3 commits a**  
 17 **Class B misdemeanor.**

18 **(b) A person who violates IC 3-9-8-4 commits a Class D felony.**

19 **(c) A person who violates IC 3-9-8-5 commits a Class D felony.**

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